

PERSONAL POINTS.

SOCIAL NOTES OF INTEREST FROM OUR SISTER CITIES.

Norfolk, Portsmouth, Petersburg, and other cities, and their people and visitors.

Norfolk and Portsmouth.
Mrs. Charles T. Rouse is at Joyner's Springs.

Dr. H. H. Green, of Luray, is at the Atlantic.

Mr. W. S. Gravelly, of Danville, is at the Pencil.

General V. D. Grover has gone to Bar Harbor, Maine.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Sneed, of Lynchburg, are in the city.

Rev. Dr. Blackwood, of Philadelphia, is on a visit to Norfolk.

Mrs. Virginia Portlock, of Suffolk, is visiting friends in Norfolk.

Mr. R. W. Mallett has returned to the city from the mountains.

Mrs. Maud Barham is visiting friends at Zuni, Southampton county.

Miss Mamie McK. Jenkins left today to visit friends in Maryland.

Dr. G. S. Stadt, of Philadelphia, is spending a few weeks in Norfolk.

His Honor Mayor Barton Meyers left this morning for Blacksburg.

Captain J. J. Darden, of Southampton county, is visiting Portsmouth.

Dr. A. C. Grubbs, of Plymouth, N. C., is spending the week in the city.

Miss Mary A. Maloney, of Portsmouth, is visiting in Albany, N. Y.

Captain E. F. White and family have returned from the Greenbrier White.

Mr. and Mrs. Captain W. W. Old are at the Greenbrier White Sulphur.

Mr. Edward Hal, editor of the Staunton Free Press, is stopping in the city.

Miss Julia Hayden and Miss Annie Henry are visiting relatives in Suffolk.

Mayor William A. Jenkins, of Warrenton, N. C., is stopping in the city.

Miss Rosa Thomas has returned from an extended visit to Matthews county.

Mr. S. B. Carnly, of Churchland, left Tuesday for two weeks at the Blue Ridge.

Carpenter Henry Davis, United States navy, is visiting his home, in Portsmouth.

Mrs. George Wilson and daughter are home from their several weeks' visit to Suffolk.

R. A. Elliott, the Pittsburgh florist, his wife, and daughter, are visiting Norfolk.

Mr. O. V. Smith, trace-agent of the Seaboard road, has been severely ill all the week.

Miss Sadie Vaughan is visiting Mrs. Colonel Randolph Harrison, in Williamsburg.

Professor Bryant and family, of Savannah, Ga., are visiting friends in Portsmouth.

Mr. Elias Mahoney, of Staunton, is visiting Chief-of-Police Frank Tynan, of Portsmouth.

Mr. Thomas S. Nottingham and family are summering in the Shenandoah Valley.

Miss Jennie F. Harrison left Thursday evening to visit her brother, in Wilmington, Del.

Mr. John H. Burroughs is very ill at his residence, on Ellingham and Green streets.

Judge J. M. Keeling, of Princess Anne, was in the city several days during the week.

The recent cool weather thinned out the guests at Ocean View and Virginia Beach woefully.

General William B. Taliaferro, of Gloucester county, was in the city during the week.

Mr. T. J. Nash, of Columbus, Ohio, is the guest of Mr. J. W. Long, on Fenwick street.

Mrs. George W. Grice and son, Joseph Grice, left Thursday for a month at the old White.

Mr. Junius A. Colman, deputy clerk of the court, is with his family, in Dinwiddie county.

Mrs. C. F. Williams, of Portsmouth, is visiting her sister, Mrs. George Nurnly, in Suffolk.

Mr. S. B. Hawks, of Portsmouth, is spending a month with relatives in Greenville county.

Mr. W. H. Sherwood, of Wompaton, D. C., is the new manager of the Academy of Music.

Miss Bettie Buxton, of Portsmouth, returned Thursday from a visit to friends in Petersburg.

Mr. R. H. Gaines returned yesterday from Mossingford, where he has been spending his vacation.

Mr. Mat. Eastwood returned today from a several-weeks' visit to Silver Lake, Gloucester county.

Mrs. Daisy Cross and Miss Dolia Curran, of Portsmouth, have returned from Silver Springs, N. C.

Miss Janet Whitfield, of North Carolina, is visiting the Misses Halladay, on Middle street, Portsmouth.

York, has been ordered to the Hospital here.

Miss Marion and Mary O'Donnell, of Richmond, who have been visiting friends in the city, left for home Friday.

Captain C. O. Boutelle, of the United States coast-survey, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. W. Thompson Barron.

Miss Essie Wilson, of Portsmouth, left yesterday to visit relatives in Shepherdstown, W. Va., until October.

Mr. Thomas Pearce left Wednesday for New York, and sailed on the Britannia yesterday for Bristol, England.

Mr. H. D. Van Wyck and wife returned Thursday from Peekskill, N. Y., where they have spent the summer.

Surgeon W. R. DuBois and family, of the Naval Hospital, left today for the mountains of Virginia to remain until October.

Mr. Andrew Ainsworth and family, of Washington, returned today from a three-weeks' vacation at the Alleghany Springs.

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A letter received this week from Rev. E. C. Bargin, now in England, states that his health is much improved, and

that he is greatly enjoying his trip. He will sail for home on the 18th of September.

Rev. A. R. Helderly preached in the Presbyterian church of this city last Sunday to large congregations of his old friends.

Mrs. James Graves, of Richmond, who has been visiting her son, George W. Graves, west High street, has returned home.

Mr. T. F. Heath has been elected first lieutenant and Mr. Kirk Sashy second lieutenant of the Petersburg Gray—both admirable selections.

Dr. Colten and Dr. Wheat, of Richmond, visited our city this week on professional business, and performed a very skillful and delicate operation.

Rev. J. W. Rosebro, pastor of Tabbs-Street Presbyterian church, who is now absent on his summer vacation, is stopping at present with friends at Hampden-Society.

Mr. Frank Rivers Lassiter, son of Dr. D. W. Lassiter, who recently graduated with high honors at the University of Virginia, has been ill this week, but is now better.

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Believed to Have Directed the Deposition of Alexander, Prince of Bulgaria.

The Emperor Alexander III., of Russia is the eldest son of Alexander II. He was born on March 10, 1845. His mother was the Princess Maria, daughter of the late Grand Duke of Hesse-Darmstadt. He was thoroughly educated in the universities of his native country.

In 1866 he married the Princess Maria Dagmar, fourth child of Christian IX., King of Denmark, and sister of the Princess of Wales. Later, in the year 1874, Queen Victoria's second son, the Duke of Edinburgh, was married to the Grand Duchess Maria of Russia, only daughter of the Emperor Alexander II., and sister of the present Czar.

The Emperor of Russia was a member of the Lutheran Church, before her marriage. At her reception into the Greek Church, which the Czar of Russia is the head, she was known as Maria Feodorovna. She is a great favorite in Russian society, which she cultivates with remarkable assiduity.

Five children have been the result of the marriage, of which the eldest, the Grand Duke Nicholas, born May 13, 1868, became heir apparent, upon the death of his father as Emperor of all the Russias. The other children are the Grand-Duke George, born May 10, 1871; the Grand-Duchess Xenia, born April 18, 1875; the Grand-Duke Michael, born December 5, 1878, and the Grand-Duchess Olga, born June 13, 1882. Russia is in this way supplied with abundant material for imperial honors, not to speak of other branches belonging to the stock, from which emperors and empresses would be procured, if necessary.

When, on March 13, 1881, Alexander II. was assassinated by the nihilists, the subject of this sketch became Czar. He lived in a retirement which his enemies thought favored more of cowardice than prudence, until the day of his coronation at Moscow, May 27, 1883. This was an event of unprecedented splendor, even in Russia. The Emperor, in striking contrast with his previous timidity, manifested great confidence in his people, and since that time has evidently been less afraid of personal harm from the nihilists than he was previously. He still travels with the pomp and circumstance and precaution surprising to the citizens of a country which elects its ruler and shakes hands with him pretty much at their own pleasure.

The reign of Alexander III. has been uneventful so far. Contrary to general expectation he has cultivated friendly relations towards Germany. His aggressive policy in Central Asia, which has added millions of square miles to the territory of the Empire, has led to serious trouble with England. The domestic policy of Alexander III. has not been favorable to the political aspirations of the more enlightened of his subjects. His Government is that of an autocrat.

Many years ago, when Nilsson was under the management of Straloch, the company was playing in Columbus. As Nilsson was not in the cast on the last night of the engagement, she, accompanied by Max Maretzek, Madame, his wife, and several other members of the opera company, took the early morning train for Buffalo, their next stop, expecting to arrive there that night. A heavy snow-storm set in, and the train moved so slowly, and when they were within four miles of Buffalo a freight train ahead of them was wrecked, causing a delay of several hours. The snow was still falling heavily, it was night, and although they were within sight of Buffalo it was impossible for a vehicle of any kind to reach them. There was not a house of any description within a half-mile of them, and having had no supper, they were naturally very hungry. To make matters worse, it was very cold in the car. Mrs. Nilsson, as may well be supposed, was not in the best of tempers.

Max Maretzek, after ascertaining the full particulars of the wreck, and realizing there was no immediate help for them, resolved to make the best of it. He always carried a little refreshment in the way of wine, cheese, and bread in his satchel, in case he should grow hungry between meals. He therefore improvised a little table in the rear of the car, with the assistance of his agent, and placed thereon a long roll of bologna sausage, a huge slice of cheese, a loaf of bread, and a large bottle of wine. He invited the entire party—Mrs. Nilsson included—about eight in all, to share his repast with him. They were all, with the exception of the great singer, only too glad to accept, and a lively though a hungry party drew around the board. Mrs. Nilsson gave one look at the cheese and sausage, and with a disdained curl of her lip, murmured, "disgusting," and walked down to her seat, in the other end of the car, where, wrapping her fur around her, she made a vain effort to sleep. The rest of the party cared little whether she ate or not, and while resenting her unkindly remark, they resolved they would "fix her yet." Kind-hearted Max Maretzek cut a slice of bread and cheese, and laid them side by side, together with a piece of the despised sausage and a glass of wine, and, after the rest of the company had eaten, they made preparations for their night's rest, but not to sleep. They meant to watch Nilsson. About an hour after she became extremely drowsy and restless. Frequent ejaculations of discontent fell from her lips, and more than once she was heard to remark to her companion that she was nearly starved.

"Is there no place, no farm-house, where I can get something to eat?" she asked of the agent.

"If there was we surely would have found it long ago. It is an absolute impossibility for a man to walk even a hundred rods in this snow-storm, and the nearest house is nearly a mile away," he answered.

Presently, unable to bear her hunger any longer, and becoming desperate, she arose, and walking rather sleepily down to the rear end of the car, she asked Max Maretzek if there was anything, a crust of bread even, left of their frugal repast. The gratification and satisfaction of the other artists may well be imagined when Max placed the sausage, cheese, and wine before the prima donna, and the alacrity and astonishing rapidity with which she dispatched every morsel was a triumph they had not experienced for some time. The next day, when Nilsson was domiciled in her luxurious apartments at the Tilt House, in Morris street, at a morsel tender chicken, she was heard to remark that during her varied experiences as a public singer she had never eaten a meal that tasted so good and wholesome as that little midnight lunch of cheese and sausage in a lonesome car on a winter's night.

Workmen have been engaged for

several days in sinking an artesian well on the College campus. The work is under the direction of Mr. F. C. Pierce, of West Point, who has had considerable experience in this kind of work.

Miss Zandie Royall is rusticiating in Bedford.

Miss Jeanie Owen is visiting friends in Bedford county.

Rev. T. M. Carron has returned from his trip to Southwest Virginia.

Mrs. Stebbins, of New York, is visiting Mrs. Bransford, on Federal Hill.

Mrs. Clinton DeWitt is visiting friends and relatives in Pennsylvania.

Miss Julia Sully, of Petersburg, is visiting Mrs. Hancock, on Daniel's Hill.

Misses Lulu Miller and May Brod-nax have returned from their trip to Alleghany.

Mr. F. DeWitt Tanner has returned from his sojourn at Atlantic City and Coney Island.

Mrs. Dr. Charles Slaughter has returned home after a two weeks' visit to Norfolk and Richmond.

Misses Ella and Sallie Broock are on a visit to their sister, Mrs. J. M. Becker, Jr., on Diamond Hill.

Misses Janie and Amanda Williams, of Federal Hill, have returned from a two-weeks' sojourn in the mountains.

Mrs. McMurran, nee Miss Kate Mosby, has returned to her new home in the West after a pleasant visit to the Hill City.

Messrs. Samuel T. Withers, Frank Roare, and Robert D. Vance are at the home of Mr. William Yancey, in Gooch county, on a fishing-and-hunting tour.

A party consisting of Miss Kate Childrey, with Mr. N. B. Wallford, Miss Clara Bransford, Mr. Robert Horton, Miss Janie Vaughn, Mr. P. Pondleton, Miss Bransford, Miss Maggie Childrey, Mr. William H. Steptoe, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Stebbins, Mr. J. Richardson, Mr. William Lucado, and Mr. Butler, gave a gemman at the Bedford Auld Springs to a number of invited friends on Wednesday evening last.

Miss Evans has returned to Newport News.

Miss Lizzie B. Simpson has returned to Washington.

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Mrs. V. P. Holt is visiting relatives in Williamsburg.

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